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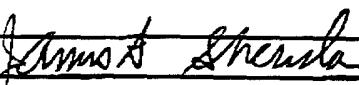
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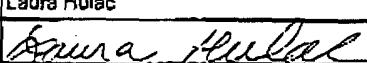
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In response to the Official Action mailed May 2, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs in the specification as follows:

On page 6, paragraph 21:

The use of these features 304 eliminates the stator grounding clip which is typically used to cut into a coating 305 which is provided over the stator laminations. Eliminating this coating ensures grounding of the lamination stack against the conductive surface of